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1. Mr. Raymond Wilcove on the staff of the Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration, House of Representatives, telephoned this morning to advise that the Chairman, Overton Brooks (D., La.), desired the DCI to brief the Committee on 24 February 1959 at 10 a.m. Mr. Brooks stated that Mr. Dulles should feel free to bring whatever staff assistance he deemed desirable. The general subject to be covered will be the Soviet programs in the general scientific field, rocketry, space efforts, and missiles. If the 24 February date is not satisfactory, Mr. Brooks would be happy to adjust it to our mutual convenience. Mr. Sheldon has been advised of this request in order to start preparations.

2. Robert Smart telephoned to advise that at a meeting of the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services on 16 February it was decided that transcripts of CIA appearances before the Subcommittee would be made. It was agreeable with the Committee that the reporter be furnished by the Agency. The transcript would be forwarded as soon as completed by the reporter to the Subcommittee for their review to ascertain that it was an appropriate and accurate transcript and for such other review as may be desired by the Subcommittee members. Thereafter it would be returned to the Agency for safekeeping to be made available on call. Mr. Smart indicated the Subcommittee would like to hold the second meeting of the series either Thursday or Friday of this week.

3. Telephoned Jack Conway on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy inquiring if he were aware of the 30 June 1955 letter from Senators Anderson and Jackson to the President which purportedly mentioned a Soviet capability in the 800 mile missile field. Conway was aware of the letter and was sure that there would not have been any other letter on the same day and that if the matter were not pinpointed in that letter possibly it could have been mentioned in a later letter since there were a series of correspondence on the general subject. This information was made available to Mr. Stoertz.

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